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CONFERENCE

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(D) MONROE-HUFFCUTT LETTER, APRIL 4, 1974

1. ON SEPTEMBER 17, EMBOFF MET WITH FRG FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO DISCUSS BERLIN ASPECTS OF ITU CONFERENCE. MEETING WAS HELD AT FOREIGN OFFICE REQUEST IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY LETTER, ALONG LINES OF MEMORANDUM ATTACHED TO REF D, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO FRG BONN GROUP REP (LUECKING). LETTER WAS WRITTEN WITH BRITISH/FRENCH CONCURRENCE AND SUPPORT (REFTEL C).

2. EMBOFF SUMMARIZED US AND ALLIED CONCERN, AS SPELLED OUT IN LETTER, IN ENSURING A SATISFACTORY ALLOCATION OF FREQUENCIES TO MEET WEST BERLIN REQUIREMENTS, EMPHASIZING THAT CONTINUED MEDIUM-WAVE BROADCASTING IS
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CASTS AT SUITABLE POWER LEVELS ARE IMPORTANT AS A

SYMBOL OF ALLIED PRESENCE IN WEST BERLIN.

3. FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL RESPONDED THAT THE POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS WERE UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND THE BPM. WHILE THE FRG FULLY SHARES US AND ALLIED CONCERN, HE EMPHASIZED THE PROBLEM STILL REMAINS HOW TO NEGOTIATE THE TECHNICAL PARAMETERS AT THE OCTOBER CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT SATISFACTORY RESULTS FOR WEST BERLIN AT THE FOLLOW-ON FREQUENCY ALLOCATION CONFERENCE. HE STRESSED THAT ONCE THE FRG (US) NEGOTIATING POSITION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED, IT WILL BE IMPERATIVE THAT THE US MUSTER SUPPORT FOR IT BY MAKING APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE.

4. COMMENT: FRG SIDE WILL WELCOME SPECIFICS OF US NON-TECHNICAL POLICY PLANNING FOR CONFERENCE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RESULTS OF USBER STUDY OF PREFERRED AND FALLBACK POSITIONS THAT MIGHT BE PRESENTED TO FRG AT OCTOBER 1 MEETING. WE ALSO RECEIVED EARLIER A SUGGESTION FROM LUECKING THAT IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE FOR US TO HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL AT THE CONFERENCE TO WHOM FRG DELS COULD TURN FOR GUIDANCE AS CONFERENCE DEVELOPS. THE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS DID NOT SPECIFICALLY RAISE THIS AGAIN IN THE CONTEXT OF ASKING THE US TO SEEK THIRD PARTY SUPPORT. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AS TO DESIRABILITY OF SUGGESTIONS.

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